THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (b) It has been decided to have negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) comprising the member countries of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE with the aim of promoting bilateral trade and to provide impetus to general economic activity.

New industrial policy in Gujarat

2367. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government to introduce new industrial policy in Gujarat State during the last four years; and

(b) the sectors in which investment has so far been made in the State during the said period, location-wise, together with the amount of investment made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Under the liberalized industrial policy, decision to set up industry depends upon the commercial judgement of the entrepreneur which, in turn, is also based on the initiatives taken by the State Government by way of providing basic infrastructural facilities and other incentives. Industrial Development is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government. The Central Government supports the efforts by providing support/incentives under its various schemes, particularly for development of industrially disadvantageous areas. Under the Growth Centre Scheme, three Growth Centres at Gandhidham, Palanpur and Vagra in Gujarat have been sanctioned. Further, under the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme, project proposals in respect of four clusters in Gujarat, namely Chemical Cluster at Vapi, Ankleswar, Ahmedabad and Gem and Jewellery Cluster at Surat have also been approved.

The Sector-wise distribution of investment proposals based on the Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda (IEMs) filed and Letters of Intent (LOIs)/Direct Indistrial Licences (DILs) issued during the last four years for the State of Gujarat is given in the Statement.

Statement

Sector-wise details of Industrial Investment Proposals for the State of Gujarat for the period from 1.4.2001 to 31.3. 2005

Name of the Scheduled Industry	Proposed Numbers	Proposed Investment (Rs. Cr.)
Metallurgical Industries	150	11507
Fuels	15	5925
Boilers & Steam Generation Plants	1	0
Prime Movers	9	105
Electrical Industries	87	19660
Telecommunication	9	1432
Transportation	8	430
Industrial Machinery	45	1466
Machine Tools	1	1
Agricultural Machinery	5	56
Earth Moving Machinery	1	39
Miscellaneous, Mechanical and Engineering Indistries	64	1182
Commercial/Office/House Hold Equipments	5	265
Medical & Surgical Appliances	3	5
Industrial Instruments	2	78
Scientific Instruments	6	340
Math, Survey & Drawing Equipments	1	110
Fertilizers	39	2111
Chemicals other than Fertilizers	337	11799
Photographic raw film & Paper	0	0
Dye stuffs	13	27
Drugs & Pharmaceuticals	85	286
Textiles	241	4130
Paper & Pulp	40	536
Sugar	6	134
Fermentation Industries	30	312
Food Processing Industries	38	800
Vanaspati, Vegetable Oil & Fats	42	898
Soap, Cosmetics & Toiletry preparations	38	940
Rubber Goods	5	426
Leather and Leather Products	0	0

1	2	3
Glue and Gelatin	4	369
Glass	22	289
Ceramics	70	611
Cement and Gypsum	21	1706
Timber Products	3	3
Defence Industries	0	0
Miscellaneous Industries	197	15410
TOTAL:	1643	83388

Thrust on leather exports

2368 SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) why the Ministry has not identified leather as a thrust area for exports inspite of having significant export growth prospects and enormous employment potential;

(b) what is India's share in leather exports in the world;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government has set a export target of 7 billion $ by 2010; and

(d) if so,what action plan does the Ministry have to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The Ministry of Commerce & Industry has identified the leather industry as a 'Thrust Sector' in view of its export growth prospects and employment potential.

(b) India's share in the global exports of leather and leather products is 2.51%

(c) and (d) No export target for exports of leather products has been fixed for 2010. However, Government is taking steps to implement the indian leather Development Progamme (ILDP), with an outlay of Rs. 400 crore, *inter alia* for technology upgradation, modernization and expansion of the leather industry as well as for infrastructure development and capacity building. Government is also supporting exports of leather products through the Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme and the Market Access Initiative Scheme.